

REQUIREMENTS FOR
READING ENDORSEMENTS
GRADES K - 8; GRADES 6 - 12; GRADES K - 12
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

A Reading endorsement shall be required of an individual in the position of reading or literacy specialist, reading or literacy coach, and reading or literacy interventionist. The endorsement shall be automatically renewed with the certificate on which it is posted.

➤ **READING ENDORSEMENT – GRADES K THROUGH 8**

Requirements for the **Reading Endorsement Grades K through 8** are:

1. Completed [Application for Certification](#).
2. Appropriate Fee (See *Application for Certification*).
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety **IVP** fingerprint card (plastic). For more information visit the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#) website or call (602) 223-2279.
4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Special Education or Early Childhood certificate;
5. Three years of full-time teaching experience. Please submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form from the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.
6. Option A, B or C.

Option A:

1. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through eight. **Note:** If the grade level of the reading practicum is not documented on the official transcript, submit a letter from the college or university to verify the grade level of the practicum.
2. Twenty-one semester hours beyond requirements of the initial provisional teaching certificate to include the following:
 - i. Three semester hours in the theoretical and research foundations of language and literacy;
 - ii. Three semester hours in the essential elements of elementary reading and writing instruction (grades K through eight);
 - iii. Three semester hours in the elements of elementary content area reading and writing (grades K through eight);
 - iv. A total of six semester hours in reading assessment systems;
 - v. Three semester hours in leadership; and
 - vi. Three semester hours of elective courses in an area of focus that will deepen knowledge in the teaching of reading to elementary students, such as children's literature, or teaching reading to English Language Learners.

Option B:

1. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through eight. **Note:** If the grade level of the reading practicum is not documented on the official transcript, submit a letter from the college or university to verify the grade level of the practicum.
2. Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement K-8 exam

One of the following:

- i. A passing score on the Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement K-8 (46) portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).
- ii. A comparable Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement K-8 exam from another state.
 - Test scores older than 10 years **WILL NOT** be accepted.
 - Submit the original score report at time of application. Score report must indicate "Pass" or Passed"
- iii. A valid certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in K-eight reading.
- iv. Master's degree from an accredited institution in Reading K-8.

Option C:

1. Proof of a comparable valid K-8 Reading Specialist certificate or endorsement from another state.

**** REQUIREMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE FULLY REFERENCED IN THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. ****

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➤ **READING ENDORSEMENT – GRADES SIX THROUGH 12**

Requirements for the Reading Endorsement Grades six through 12 are:

1. Completed [Application for Certification](#)
2. Appropriate Fee (See Application for Certification)
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona **IVP** fingerprint card (plastic). For more information visit the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#) website or call (602) 223-2279.
4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education certificate;
5. Three years of full-time teaching experience. Please submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form from the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience;
6. Option A, B or C.

Option A:

1. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12. **Note:** If the grade level of the reading practicum is not documented on the official transcript, submit a letter from the college or university to verify the grade level of the practicum.
2. Twenty-one semester hours beyond requirements of the initial provisional teaching certificate to include the following:
 - i. Three semester hours in the theoretical and research foundations of language and literacy;
 - ii. Three semester hours in the essential elements of reading and writing instruction for adolescents (grades six through 12);
 - iii. Three semester hours in the elements of content area reading and writing for adolescents (grades six through 12);
 - iv. A total of six semester hours in reading assessment systems;
 - v. Three semester hours in leadership; and
 - vi. Three semester hours of elective courses in an area of focus that will deepen knowledge in the teaching of reading such as adolescent literature, or teaching reading to English Language Learners.

Option B:

1. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12. **Note:** If the grade level of the reading practicum is not documented on the official transcript, submit a letter from the college or university to verify the grade level of the practicum.

2. Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement 6-12 exam

One of the following:

- i. A passing score on the Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement 6-12 (47) portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).
- ii. A comparable Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement 6-12 from another state.
 - Test scores older than 10 years **WILL NOT** be accepted.
 - Submit the original score report at time of application. Score report must indicate “Pass” or “Passed”.
- iii. Master’s degree from an accredited institution in Reading.

Option C:

1. Proof of a comparable valid 6-12 Reading Specialist certificate or endorsement from another state.

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➤ **READING ENDORSEMENT – GRADES K THROUGH 12**

Requirements for the Reading Endorsement Grades K through 12 are:

1. Completed Application for Certification
2. Appropriate Fee (See Application for Certification)
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona **IVP** fingerprint card (plastic). For more information visit the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](http://www.azdhs.gov/dhs/IVP/) website or call (602) 223-2279.
4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary, Special Education or Early Childhood certificate.
5. Three years of full-time teaching experience. Please submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form from the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.
6. Option A, B or C.

Option A:

1. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through five. **Note:** If the grade level of the reading practicum is not documented on the official transcript, submit a letter from the college or university to verify the grade level of the practicum.
2. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12. **Note:** If the grade level of the reading practicum is not documented on the official transcript, submit a letter from the college or university to verify the grade level placement of the practicum.
3. Twenty-four semester hours beyond requirements of the initial provisional teaching certificate to include the following:
 - i. Three semester hours in the theoretical and research foundations of language and literacy;
 - ii. Three semester hours in the essential elements of elementary reading and writing instruction (grades K through eight);
 - iii. Three semester hours in the essential elements of reading and writing instruction for adolescents (grades six through 12);
 - iv. Three semester hours in the elements of elementary content area reading and writing (grades K through eight);
 - v. Three semester hours in the elements of content area reading and writing for adolescents (grades six through 12);
 - vi. A total of six semester hours in reading assessment systems; and
 - vii. Three semester hours in leadership.

Option B:

1. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through five. **Note:** If the grade level of the reading practicum is not documented on the official transcript, submit a letter from the college or university to verify the grade level of the practicum.
2. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12. **Note:** If the grade level of the reading practicum is not documented on the official transcript, submit a letter from the college or university to verify the grade level of the practicum.
3. Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement 6-12 and Reading Endorsement K-8 Exams.

One of the following:

- i. A passing score on the Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement K-8 (46) portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA) - **AND** - a passing score on the Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement 6-12 (47) portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).

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- ii.* A comparable Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement K-8 and Reading Endorsement 6-12 exam.
 - Test scores older than 10 years *WILL NOT* be accepted.
 - Submit the original score report at time of application. Score report must indicate “Pass” or Passed.
- iii.* Master’s degree from an accredited institution in Reading K-12.

Option C:

1. Proof of a comparable valid K-12 Reading Specialist certificate or endorsement from another state.